

SENATE RESOLUTION 252

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to commend Luke T. Gustafson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Luke T. Gustafson is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jack Johnson; Luke's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, throughout Luke Gustafson's exemplary tenure as a legislative intern, he responded to daily correspondence on behalf of the Senator and tracked and monitored all of the Senator's bills, committee work, and upcoming legislation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gustafson served Senator Johnson's constituents well by answering their calls, processing and tracking constituent case work, and maintaining the Senator's schedule; in addition, he worked assiduously to develop and maintain a comprehensive district database for correspondence through mail, telephone, and electronic mail, and cultivated a constituent call tracking process for fast and accurate constituent services; and

WHEREAS, prior to working in Senator Johnson's office, Luke rendered sterling service in the Offices of the Knox County Mayor Michael R. Ragsdale and the U.S. Senate Majority Leader William H. Frist as an undergraduate intern; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee (UT) at Knoxville, where he was highly regarded by his peers, Luke achieved academic success while pursuing a double major in political science and global studies, concentrating in global politics and economics; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gustafson demonstrated great leadership acumen as president of the University's Interfraternity Council; during his tenure as president, he increased overall fraternity membership by bringing four new fraternities to campus, presided over nearly thirty council

meetings, and led a system responsible for raising more than \$100,000 for charity and performing more than 25,000 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Luke implemented the "Greeks Go Green" recycling campaign and negotiated with University administrators to install wireless internet in all fourteen Chapter houses on campus; and

WHEREAS, Luke Gustafson also lent his leadership talents to numerous other organizations at the University of Tennessee, including service as Election Commissioner of the University's Student Government Association, Special Consultant to eXcel Student Government Campaign, Student Representative of the Chancellor's Student Affairs Council, and President of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Luke Gustafson brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Luke T. Gustafson has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Luke T. Gustafson has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Luke T. Gustafson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jack Johnson and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.